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SUBJECT: ROMANIA AND THE NEUTRON BOMB

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1. IN SPEECH TO RCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM, PRESIDENT
CEAUSESCU NOTABLY FAILED TO MENTION NEUTRON BOMB. ALTHOUGH
SPEECH WAS PREPONDERANTLY DEVOTED TO ECONOMIC ISSUES, TWO
PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS IN SHORT FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECTION WERE
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MIDDLE EAST (NOTHING NEW) AND DISARMAMENT. SPEAKING OF
UNSSOD, CEAUSESCU STATED THAT "WE BELIEVE THE SESSION
SHOULD ADOPT PRACTICAL MEASURES TOWARD NUCLEAR DISARMA-
MENT AND HALTING THE PRODUCTION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DE-
STRUCTION, AS WELL AS OTHER MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN CON-
FIDENCE BETWEEN STATES "AND HE STATED THAT PLENUM HAD

DECIDED ON PREPARATION OF A POSITION PAPER THAT WOULD
CONSTITUTE BASIS OF GOR PRESENTATION AT UNSSOD.

2. COMMENT: ABSENCE EVEN OF MENTION OF NEUTRON BOMB
IN SUCH NATURAL CONTEXT, NOT TO MENTION ABSENCE OF
SPECIFIC INJUNCTION AGAINST IT, WOULD SEEM, IN VIEW OF
AUSIENGE BEING ADDRESSED, TRUE REFLECTION OF RCP PER-
SPECTIVE ON BOMB: THAT IT IS NOT A PROBLEM PER SE AS
MUCH AS IT IS ANOTHER MANIFESTATION OF A PROBLEM OF
GREAT MAGNITUDE AND COMPLEXITY ABOUT WHICH RCP/GOR IS
GENUINELY CONCERNED, AND SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN OVERALL
CONTEXT OF PROBLEM RATHER THAN SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL--
AND PROBABLY, IN ROMANIAN VIEW, DIVERSIONARY--CAMPAIGN.
IT SEEMS EVER CLEARER WITH PASSAGE OF TIME THAT ROMANIANS
DID NOT JUMP ENTHUSIASTICALLY ONTO ANTI-BOMB BANDWAGON
AT BUDAPEST AND HAVE BEEN MAKING MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION TO
CAMPAIGN. SINCE DELAYED SPONSORSHIP OF BOMB-BANNING
CONVENTION PROPOSAL AT GENEVA, SOLE ACTIVE ROMANIAN
INVOLVEMENT IN CAMPAIGN WAS SENDING OF MIHNEA GHEORGHIU,
PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND INTER-
NATIONAL RELATIONS (ADIRI), TO RECENT GAGUE PROTEST
MEETING. THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONAL CONDEMNATORY
REFERENCES IN PRESS, BUT NO EDITORIAL ON SUBJECT;
THERE HAVE BEEN NO MASS BAN-THE-BOMB MEETINGS OR
RALLIES; AND RADIO COVERAGE HAS BEEN LIMITED TO NEWS
REPORTS ON ANTI-BOMB PRONOUNCEMENTS OR ACTIVITIES ELSE-
WHERE.

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